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Amendment of Claims:

1. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter with a clubhead comprising a body having an upstanding striking face, a rear side, and a generally horizontal soleplate:

the improvement thereon comprising a weight member support extending rearwardly from said rear side of said body and an elongated weight member secured to said support, said weight member being supported at its center substantially above the level of said soleplate, and extending generally laterally with respect to said striking face with each end of said weight member being unsupported and cantilevered from its attachment to said support.

2. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein said support and weight member together are generally T-shaped and the base of said T-shape is secured to the rear of the body of said clubhead and said weight member constitutes the head of the T-shape cantilevered from the point of attachment of said support to said body.

3. (original) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein the length of said weight member is approximately half the length of said striking face.

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4. (original) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein said weight member is generally cylindrical.

5. (currently amended) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein said support is of such length that said weight member is displaced rearwardly from said rear striking face body beyond the width of said soleplate.

6. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter in accordance with claim 1 wherein said weight member is positioned by said support above and to the rear of the top surface of said body.

7. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein said body includes a bore through said striking face and one end of said support is secured in said bore and is exposed to said striking face.

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 5 wherein said body includes a bore through the center of the striking region and one end of said support is secured in said bore in a position to contact a golf ball when the ball is struck at the center of said ball striking region.

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10. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 1 wherein said weight member support extends above and to the rear of the top surface of said body.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter having a clubhead with an upstanding striking face, a generally horizontal soleplate, a rear face, a shaft, and means for attaching said clubhead to said shaft;

a support spaced above said soleplate having a first end secured at said rear face and a second end, said support extending perpendicularly to the rear face of said clubhead opposite the sweet spot thereof; and

an elongated weight member secured to the second end of said support and centered thereon, said weight member extending generally parallel to the generally horizontal soleplate and cantilevered from the point of attachment of said weight member to said support such that the ends of said weight are unsupported.

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15. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 14 wherein said support and weight members are generally T-shaped and are cantilevered from the point of attachment of said support to said rear face.

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 14 wherein said clubhead includes a bore therethrough and one end of said support is secured in said bore and exposed at said striking face.

19. (cancelled)

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20. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter having a handle shaft, a clubhead with a striking face portion, a soleplate, and means for attaching said clubhead to said handle shaft, said clubhead including rearwardly extending weighted portions at the toe and heel of said clubhead, and a recessed section at the back side of said clubhead not including said soleplate or said weighted portions, the improvement thereon comprising:

a single support shaft spaced above said soleplate and extending perpendicularly rearwardly from said recessed section and centered on the rear side of said striking face portion; and

an elongated weight member secured to said support shaft and centered thereon, said weight member extending generally parallel to the soleplate to said striking face portion and unsupported at its ends, whereby an impact with a ball by said striking face portion creating a moment tending to turn the clubface is substantially compensated for the inertial action of the weight member.

21. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 20 wherein said clubhead includes a top surface and a rear surface, and said support extends from the top of said rear surface of said clubhead.

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22. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 20 wherein said clubhead striking face portion having a sweet spot includes a bore extending therethrough from said recessed portion to said striking face portion and said support is secured into said bore and aligned with the sweet spot of said striking surface.

23. (cancelled)

24. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 20 wherein said support shaft and weight member are generally T-shaped and cantilevered from the point of attachment of said support to said recessed section.

25. (cancelled)

26. (original) A golf putter as claimed in claim 20 wherein said weight member is generally cylindrical.

27. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 20 wherein said support shaft is of such length that said weight member is displaced rearwardly from said striking face beyond the width of said soleplate.

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28-32 (cancelled)

33. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter with a clubhead comprising a body having a striking face and a generally horizontal soleplate, the improvement thereon comprising:

a support vertically spaced from said soleplate extending rearwardly with respect to the striking face from the back side of said striking face and centered thereon and an elongated weight member attached at its center to said support with said weight member being evenly balanced on opposite sides of its attachment to said support, said weight member being located above said soleplate and unsupported at its ends.

34. (previously ~~amended~~ presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 33 wherein said weight member extends generally parallel to said striking face and the soleplate.

35. (cancelled)

36. (previously presented) A golf putter as claimed in claim 33 wherein said unsupported ends of said weight member are cantilevered from the point of attachment of said weight member to said support.

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37. (previously presented) A golf putter having a shaft, a club head with a striking face portion, a rear side, and a soleplate, the improvement comprising:

a single support member spaced above said soleplate and cantilevered rearwardly from said rear side of said clubhead; and

an elongated weight member secured to said support shaft and centered thereon, said weight member extending generally laterally with respect to said striking face portion and unsupported at its ends, whereby an impact with a ball on said striking face portion creates a moment arm tending to turn the clubface which is substantially compensated by the inertial action of the cantilevered support and weight members.

38. (currently ~~presented~~ amended) A golf putter with a clubhead including a striking face having a sweet spot, a back side, and a generally horizontal soleplate, a support member spaced above said soleplate and having a longitudinal axis extending rearwardly from said back side aligned with the sweet spot and a weight member secured to said support member above said soleplate and symmetrically disposed about the longitudinal axis of said support member and unsupported at its ends.

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39. (previously presented) A golf clubhead comprising a face member having a striking face and a back surface and a soleplate;

a support member having a first end and a second end, said support member being coupled at said first end to said face member back surface above said soleplate; and

a weight member attached to said support member second end, said weight member being supported at its center with each end of said weight member being cantilevered from its point of attachment to said support member and extending laterally above said sole plate to provide free ended weight portions above said sole plate.

40. (previously presented) The golf clubhead of claim 39 wherein said clubhead is a putter head.

41. (previously presented) The golf clubhead of claim 39 wherein said face member has a sweet spot and said support member is coupled to said clubhead directly behind the sweet spot of said face member.

42. (previously presented) A golf clubhead as claimed in claim 33 wherein each end of said weight member is cantilevered generally laterally from its point of attachment to said support.

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43. (previously presented) A golf putter comprising a body having a striking face and a rear surface opposite said striking face and a soleplate;

a support member having a first end and a second end, said support member being coupled at said first end to said body rear surface; and

a weight member attached at its center to said support member second end, said weight member and said body being coupled such that the soleplate of said body is lower than said support member and weight member;

the ends of said weight member being unsupported and cantilevered from the attachment of said weight member to said support member second end.

44. (previously presented) A golf putter having a clubhead which is elongated between a heel end thereof and a toe end thereof, which has a substantially flat and substantially vertical front ball-striking face and which has a bottom sole surface generally normal to the striking face, the putter including:

an elongated weight member which has end portions disposed substantially symmetrically relative to its mid length;

the weight member being disposed rearwardly from the clubhead striking face and disposed substantially symmetrically relative to the striking face laterally from the mid-length of the weight member;

the weight member also being disposed above the clubhead sole surface and in a plane substantially parallel to the sole surface;

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the putter further including a weight member support connected only between the mid length of the weight member and the clubhead at a selected location on the clubhead; and

the weight member end portions extending in unsupported cantilever manner from the connection to the support to the weight member.

45. (previously presented) A golf putter according to claim 44 in which the connection of the support to the weight member is aligned substantially normally from the clubhead striking face with a sweet spot of the clubhead.

46. (previously presented) A golf putter according to claim 44 in which the connection of the support to the clubhead is aligned substantially normally from the clubhead striking face with a sweet spot of the clubhead.

47. (previously presented) A golf putter according to claim 46 in which the connection of the support to the weight member and of the support to the clubhead are aligned substantially normally from the clubhead striking face with a sweet spot of the clubhead.

48. (previously presented) A golf putter according to claim 47 in which the support is substantially horizontally disposed.

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49. (previously presented) A golf putter according to claim 44 in which the support is substantially horizontally disposed.